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SONNET XXX,

|O THIS continual fountain* of my Tears, From that hard rock of her sweet beauty trickling; So shall my Tongue on her love's music tickling; So shall my Passions, fed with hopes and fears; So shall mine Heart, which wearing, never wears, But soft, is hardened with her beauty's prickling; On which, Despair, my vulture seized, stands pickling Yet never thence his maw full gorged bears; Right so, my Tears, Tongue, Passions, Heart, Despair; With floods, complaints, sighs, throbs, and endless

sorrow;

In seas, in volumes, winds, earthquakes, and hell; Shall float, chant, breathe, break, and dark mansion borrow! And, in them, I be blessed for my Fair; That in these torments, for her sake I dwelL

SONNET XXXI.



BURN, yet am I cold! I am a cold, yet burn!

In pleasing, discontent^f in discontentment, pleased!
Diseased, I am in health! and healthful, am diseased!

In turning back, proceed! proceeding, I return! In mourning, I rejoice! and in rejoicing, mourn! In pressing, I step back! in stepping back, I pressed! In gaining, still I lose! and in my losses, gain! Grounded, I waver still! and wavering, still am. grounded! Unwounded, yet not sound! and being sound, am wounded! Slain, yet am I alive! and yet alive, am slain! Hounded, my heart rests still! still resting, is it hounded! In pain, I feel no grief! yet void of grief, in pain! Unmoved, I vex myself! unvexed, yet am I moved! Beloved, She loves me not; yet is She my beloved!